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A PERSONAL NOTE: If you would like to know who lives in your part of the state so you can form a club or do some close trading, send me the first 2 digits of the zip code you want me to send and a SASE.

CONVENTION '88: Plans are underway for our next convention. Dates are Oct 20-22, 1988 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark, NJ. It starts on Thursday and runs through Saturday. Cost: Thursday, \$22 for dinner and evening events (choice of stuffed fillet of sole, London broil, chicken cordon bleu) (6pm - 11pm)...Friday, \$30 for entire day and buffet dinner (12 noon - 11pm). Daytime only is \$7...Saturday, \$39 for entire day and buffet dinner (9am - 11pm). Daytime only is \$8. Hotel rooms are \$57/62. Dealer tables are \$35 (total) for 1 or both days. New special guests being considered are Gale Storm, Howard Duff, Kirk Allyn, Norman Corwin, Carlton E Morse, John Houseman, Richard Widmark, Hildegard, Howard Koch, Richard Wilson (with Mercury Theater group). From this list, one to three will probably attend. Shows being considered for re-creations are: My Little Margie, Sam Spade, Gateway to Hollywood, Superman, Let's Pretend. Workshops being considered: Tribute to Superman (50 years); Remembering War of the Worlds (50 years); Restoration of radios (D Roth), Lending Libraries (T Monroe), Gunsmoke (D Aston). Registration may be sent now. Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. If coming Thursday, please give dinner choice.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Country singer Roy Acuff and the late William B Williams were named recipients of the NAB's Broadcasting Hall of Fame Award, to be given out at their annual convention, April 9-12 at Las Vegas.. RICHARD OSGOOD writes that the theremin which created the Green Hornet sound has been found and given to the Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments at the University of Michigan. They hope to re-create a performance of the Green Hornet on April 29th...KVIX in Portland, Ore (1290 AM) has OTR from 5:30 to midnight every day. Victor Ives, owner of the station, also puts on live radio broadcasts...CHARLES MICHELSON has been for 10 years the sole supplier of shows to the Far East Radio Network of the Armed Forces Network. The 1988 schedule includes these new series: The Black Museum, The Hidden Truth, The Clock, Box 13, The Falcon. Soon to be added to domestic stations are Lights Out, The Abbott & Costello Show and Blackstone, Magic Detective. This will bring the total to 26 separate half-hour series.

American Radio Theater is holding a radio script writing contest. There is a \$500 prize. If interested, send for the official rules at ART, Radio Script Writing Competition, 1616 West Victory Blvd, Suite 104, Glendale, CA 91201. Enclose a legal-sized SASE...The last live broadcast of the syndicated Steve Allen Show was March 18; show will then go into reruns until May 31. Fewer than 30 stations had picked up the 3-hour daily program...MYSTERY THEATER, produced by Hi Brown from 1974-1982, will resurface on commercial radio in June. Dick Brescia, former senior vice president of CBS Radio, will syndicate broadcast. According to Brescia, Brown has retained five years of original drama episodes.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: SPERDVAC RADIOGRAM, Feb; mention is made of a new Lone Ranger book by Dave Holland soon to be released. For details write Holland House, 17142 Index St, Granada Hills, CA 91344...Each year SPERDVAC puts out an annual magazine. The latest 44-page booklet contains articles and pictures by and about Ray Erlenborn, Nila Mack (by Arthur Anderson), Art Linkletter, Phil Cohan. Cost is \$4. The last 3 years booklets are \$5 each...Mar; article on Howard Duffdand Dick Gulla. Dick, who was a long-time subscriber to HA and radio actor in Chicago in his early days, died on January 20th..MILWAUKEE NEWSLETTER, Feb; article on Sam Spade...METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON OTR NEWS, Feb-Mar; article on radio traitors of WW 11...AFTRA MAGAZINE, Winter; nice article on our convention with a mention of our contribution to the Frank Nelson Scholarship Fund...OLD TIME RADIO DIGEST, Jan-Feb; article on ILAM...NOSTALGIA DIGEST, Apr-May; article on Art Linkletter.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES: A new magazine is PULP VAULT. It is published by Doug Ellis, runs about 80 pages, and costs \$18 a year for 4 issues. It is devoted to reprints from the old, bloody pulps and to articles and artwork. Write to Doug at Tattered Pages Press, 273 Highland Ave #2, Somerville, MA 02143...Douglas Pauley mentions that AMERICAN HERITAGE magazine, Feb. issue, contains an excellent article about Fred Allen. It is written by Neil Grauer and contains much interesting detail. Your library should have it.. KATE SMITH, a bio-bibliography, by Michael Pitts is now available from Greenwood Press, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. It is \$37.95. Published in January, 1988, it contains a candid look at her life. It also contains a discography, filmography, song index, lists of her stage and media appearances, sheet music and song books, and an annotated bibliography of works by and about Kate Smith...TOM PRICE, Box 1661, Salinas, CA 93902 (408-372-7966) has 2 copies of his books, HEAVENLY DAYS: THE STORY OF FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY and FIBBER MCGEE'S CLOSET autographed by Jim Jordon, for sale.

CLUBS: A list of 24 clubs dealing with antique radios was put out by Antique Radio Classified and reprinted by RETURN WITH US NOW. Enclosed is a reprint.

CONVENTIONS: The International Superman Exposition will be held June 16-19 at the Cleveland convention center, Cleveland, Ohio. For information write Alan Hills, chairman, Suite 852 - The Hanna building, 1422 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115 (216-621-5368)

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: I need much more input in this catagory. There is no charge for this service. BOB BURNHAM'S latest catalog has many new shows (4 My Son Jeep-1953; 16 New Edgar Bergen Hour - 1956). Address is BRC Productions, Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48150. Bob is negotiating with the Thomas Corporation to sell a floor model antique radio with built-in cassette player (weight 65 pounds). Cost will be about \$300. A special version may be available with jacks to connect reel recorders...ED CARR (CASSETTES NOW/REELS ALSO), 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, PA 19512 just sent me his catalog (about 100 pages) with a wide variety of shows. Ed has a lot of BBC...GARY KRAMER (GREAT AMERICAN RADIO), Box 528, Mt. Morris, MI 48458 has a cassette catalog available with over 1600 listings. All are \$2.50 each if 10 or more are purchased.

YOU AND THE LAW: Owens Pomeroy comments on the copyright law and broadcasting OTR. The end of the copyright law reads "for profit." This is the key. If a commercial stations broadcasts OTR as a public service, it is all right as long as the FCC clears it. All stations are allowed 7 hours of public service time a week to be broken up any way they seem fit. As long as a station does not sell air time for the playing of the shows and the FCC gives its okay, you have the right to donate the shows. Owens Pomeroy did this from 1971-75 at a Public Radio Station and during this time supplied Lux Radio Theater to a commercial station as a lead in show for CBS Radio Mystery Theater for 18 months, commercials and all. Again, the important thing was FCC clearance and public service time.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: WALT KUNZ, Box 1, Islip, NY 11751...TIM PETERSON, 16055 Jenkins Street NE, Anoka, MN 55304...RICHARD SPRATLEY, 2112 McLain St, Chesapeake, VA 23324. Richard builds and collects crystal radios.. ROY HOLMES, 515 Oakridge Dr, Rochester, NY 14617...MARK FARRINGTON, 145 Oakside Dr, Smittown, NY 11787 is looking for any shows or information with his father, Fielden Farrington, announcer first at WXYZ and then CBS in New York. Some shows were Green Hornet, Romance of Helen Trent, We Love and Learn, Our Gal Sunday...ARTHUR MECHLER, 2724 Wagner St, Cincinnati, OH 45225 ...ROBERT HEINTZ, Box 6053, Spencer, IA 51301...MICKEY SMITH, 1411 Lawson, Oxford, MS 38655. Mickey specializes in pharmacists, drugstores, etc. and wants any radio shows with reference to them...WILLIAM THEOBALD, 2110 Fairway Cir NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

SALLY JANUS, 455 N Reese Pl, Burbank, CA 91506...MARC ZICREE, 7521 W Norton Ave #8, LA, CA 90046...WARREN DEBENHAM, 143 Arlington, Berkeley, CA 94707...JOE WARE, 2009 E 223rd St, Long Beach, CA 90810...STEVE LEWIS, 421 Hillside Ave, West Sayville, NY 11796 (2 of my subscribers are named Steve Lewis. The other Steve lives in Newington, CT).

OLD FRIENDS: AL ONIA, 312 Silverthorn Way NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3B 4E9 still looking for NPR's Doc Savage...STEVE FERRANTE, RD 1, Box 67B, Mifflintown, PA 17059 wants broadcast of We the People, Jan 13 1950. Also wants any printed material related to Lum and Abner...MEL SHLANK, 553 Howelton Rd, Orange, CT 06477 wants videos of two recent Jack Parr specials; also Mr. Ed. Mel has over 20 episodes of Sgt. Preston of the Yukon on video (VHS) which he will trade. Mel is interested in starting a club/newsletter for collectors of vintage tv shows on video tape...LORA PALMER, 176 Atwater St, West Haven, CT 06516 looking for 2 of Boswell Sister's movies (Syncopation; Artists and Models)...ANDY JAYSNOVITCH, 6 Dana Estates Dr, Parlin, NJ 08859 has many vintage TV shows for sale or trade (VHS or BETA), especially early detective shows, Sherlock Holmes and 8 toast of the Towns. Many were transferred from 16mm film. Andy will trade video or audio.

IN FOND MEMORY: ROGER DE KOVEN, Jan 28, 81; stage, tv and radio actor (Against the Storm, Brave Tomorrow, Eternal Light)...WILLIAM L STUART, Jan 11, 75; tv writer-producer and radio writer and novelist (Silver Theater, Screen Guild Theater)...LEE GOODMAN, Feb 6, 64; Movie, stage, radio and tv actor (Horn & Hardart's Children Hour)...MARTIN WARK, Feb 2, 77; writer and tv producer (radio writer for Kay Kyser)...SHIRLEY HOWARD, Jan 13, 79; radio, hotel and nightclub singer...EDWARD PAWLEY, Jan 27, 84; actor (Big Town)...CHARLES CROWDER, Feb 20, 80; radio writer (Curtain Time, Strange Adventure)...ROBERT LIVINGSTON, MAR 7, 83; played Lone Ranger in movie

series and serials...RITA ASCOT BOYD, Mar 6, 81; Played Fay on Ma Perkins from 1937-1957...TOBY (TOBE) REED, Mar 3, 76; radio and tv announcer (Burns and Allen, Fitch Bandwagon)...RAY POINDEXTER, Mar 11, 65; Ray managed several radio stations and wrote 2 books on broadcasting (Arkansas Airwaves and Golden Throats and Silver Tongues).

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CBS's Edwards retiring after 45 years. Broadcast journalism will soon lose one of its legends. CBS News anchor and correspondent, Douglas Edwards, the first anchor of a regularly scheduled CBS television newscast, will retire April 1 after more than 45 years as a broadcaster.

Douglas, 70, joined CBS in December 1942 and was part of the CBS News team of World War II correspondents serving with Edward R. Murrow in London during the closing months of the war in 1945. Douglas anchored the CBS World News Roundup over the CBS Radio Network from 1946 to 1948. (Roundup made its debut in 1938 and currently airs at 8 a.m. NYT.) In August 1948 he assumed the anchor duties on CBS News's first Monday-through-Friday evening television news broadcast, Douglas Edwards with the News, which continued through 1962. Among his other accomplishments, Douglas, who is an Oklahoma native, has been anchoring The World Tonight every weekday evening (6 p.m. NYT) over CBS Radio since 1966. "It has never been dull," said Douglas last week. "I hope my post-CBS life is as exciting."

Said Howard Stringer, president of CBS News: "Douglas' place in broadcasting history as an anchorman and a correspondent has long been secured. Doug will sorely be missed, his accomplishments long treasured." In his weekly newsletter to CBS Radio Network affiliates, Joseph Dembo, vice president, CBS News, radio, described Douglas as the "gentle man with the magnificent voice, a voice of authority and compassion and great believability."

When he retires, Douglas said, he and his wife, May, will move to Sarasota, Fla., where he will begin working on an autobiography. Douglas also plans to continue lecturing on broadcast journalism. He will remain a consultant to CBS News for another two years.